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## REDS IN PEIPING'S SUBURBS

### Take Summer Palace & Two Universities ONE REPORT CLAIMS GEN FU TSO-YI CAPTURED

Peiping, Dec. 16.—Fighting swirled towards the ancient walls of Peiping today. Several points in the Northwestern suburbs fell to the Communists. Those included the Summer Palace and Yenching and Tsinghua Universities.

From there, the Reds closed in on Haitien village, three and a half miles from the Northwestern corner of the city. Haitien probably will be taken by nightfall.

Red soldiers were reported within several thousand yards of Peiping's Northwestern gate. Explosions of mortar and artillery shells could be clearly heard in Peiping.

Meanwhile, the Nationalists abandoned Feingtai on the Peiping-Tientsin railroad three and a half miles from the Southwestern corner of the city where big freight yards are situated. Government forces also quit Mentoukou, coal mining town about 20 miles West of Peiping. It was the only remaining source for fuel for Peiping.

Officials and senior employees of the city's power plant at Shihching-shan, six miles West of Peiping, were evacuated into the city. Workmen remained.

Although they were within gunrange, the Reds so far had not discarded a single shell at Peiping itself—rich treasure trove of Chinese culture and of the days of the Emperor—Associated Press.

**FU REPORT DENIED**  
Nanking, Dec. 16.—A message to the Commercial Bank here reported that the Communist forces entered Peiping at 3.30 p.m. today.

The Peiping message also said that the Communists captured General Fu Tso-yi, Nationalist Commander in North China.

A Government spokesman, Teng Weng-yi, denied that the Communist troops entered Peiping. He also denied General Fu Tso-yi was captured.

The Nanking Telegraph Office is still maintaining radio contact with its branch in Peiping.

Dr. Hu Shih, President of the National University at Peiping, arrived in Nanking aboard a special Chinese Air Force plane and reported that the Communist forces had entered the suburbs. He said, however, that they were not yet in sufficient strength to attempt a complete capture of the city. He said that General Fu was still in Peiping.

He added that the situation was "serious" but somewhat less serious than reports here indicated.

**HOLDING AIRFIELDS**

Dr. Hu Shih reported that the Nationalist troops, at the time he left today, still held two airfields at Peiping, one South and one West of the city. He said that the Western airfield was evacuated because it was under Communist gunfire, but the field to the South was still

operating and his plane took off from there.

The enclosed city is being defended by about 70,000 Nationalist troops under General Fu Tso-yi. The Communist forces around the city were estimated at least 80,000.

Dr. Hollington K. Tong, Government Director of Information denied reports that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has been advised by his lieutenants to withdraw from the Government, thus paving a way for a possible coalition Government in which the Communists might join. He said that the reports were "entirely baseless."

**MARINES SAIL**

United States Marines sailed for Shanghai today and the Americans were again advised to leave China as the Communists stepped up their offensives on the Peiping, Haichow and Nanking fronts.

John M. Cabot, United States Consul General in Shanghai, and Rear Admiral G. C. Crawford, in charge of evacuations, said in a joint announcement that 695 Marines of the Ninth Regiment sailed from Tsingtao on the Navy transport, Bayfield. The Marines were scheduled to arrive in Shanghai at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Mr. Cabot emphasized that their only duties would be to protect American lives and property in case of emergency.

The Government, meanwhile, indicated that the counter-offensive on the Haichow front some 150 miles north of Nanking has bogged down. Fierce fighting was reported along the Grand Canal within 100 miles northeast of Nanking—United Press.

**CLOSE GATES ORDER**

Nanking, December 15.—A reliable source said today that General Fu Tso-yi, North China Nationalist commander, has ordered all

Peiping gates to be closed and no one is allowed to leave or enter the city in order to prevent the infiltration of Communist plainclothesmen.

The source said that business inside the city has come to a standstill and prices of commodities, except vegetables, are dropping. He said that government armoured cars and tanks are guarding the west gate, which appeared to be the objective of the main Communist attack.

The popular assemblies of seven North China provinces and Peiping and Tientsin wired President Chiang Kai-shek, asking the punishment of the Air Force Second Area commander, General Hu Tien, for evacuating planes from Peiping without orders. They urged that the planes return to support the Peiping defenders—United Press.

**PEOPLE STUNNED**

Shanghai, Dec. 15.—The people of Peiping were absolutely stunned by the rapid advance of the Communists and were apparently indifferent to the pledge of the Nationalist High Command to defend the ancient capital.

Mr. Lindgren, a United States businessman who arrived here tonight from Peiping, said.

Mr. Lindgren left Peiping on the World Lutheran aircraft, St. Paul, which was the last plane leaving Peiping's south field.

He said the Communists threw a horse-shoe cordon around the ancient capital but the route to the south field was open this morning. He declared that it was beyond explanation why this escape route was left open when the Reds could have so easily closed it.

The general impression among the populace of Peiping, said Mr. Lindgren, was that the war was not running along a normal course.

**ONLY FEIGNED BATTLE**

He quoted Colonel Williams, the American Naval Attaché at Peiping, as saying: "something is not on the up and up."

Nationalist troops, supplies and artillery were pouring into the city through the south gate. The main street of Peiping was one long line of cars. The Communists had already captured the Summer Palace, making a feeble attempt to force the city.

The unanimous belief was that something was "cooking" behind the scenes and not war will decide the fate of China's famed ancient capital.

Telephone lines with the outside world had been cut. Shops were still open, nevertheless, and the populace was calm though greatly excited.

Two hundred Americans were remaining in the city together with a few hundred other foreigners—Router.

**TIENTSIN PREPARES**

Tientsin, Dec. 15.—Military trains could only proceed up to Peiping, just before Tangku Harbour, today, while Chinese reports claimed that every effort was being made to hold the Tientsin-Tangku line and that Tientsin's outer defences were being strengthened by the Nationalist troops evacuated from adjacent points.

Reports were also current but impossible to confirm that the Tientsin-Tangku highway had been cut in the vicinity of Tangku Harbour area.

The Tangku situation was described as tense, following the extensive military activity with indications that the Nationalists were concentrating at Haihuo immediately before Tangku, while fighting of unspecified proportions was proceeding around Peiping.

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The Communists are reported to be approaching the famous old walls around Peiping. Having already captured the historic Summer Palace, this picture gives a view of part of the old Peiping wall which may shortly be the scene of fierce fighting.

## CHRISTMAS MAILS FOR HONGKONG

Special Effort Being  
Made By BOAC

(Our Own Correspondent)

London, Dec. 15.—Ensuring that Christmas letters and parcels from Britain for Hongkong are delivered in time, BOAC are offloading commercial cargoes where necessary and providing more space for air mails.

BOAC are expecting a record Christmas rush and this week alone the amount of air mails for Hongkong has gone up by 150 per cent from the normal average of 600 kilos to 1,500 kilos.

The question of air mail deliveries to Hongkong was recently raised in the House of Commons when Air Commodore Harvey asked the Postmaster General if he was aware that air mails for Hongkong took anything from 10 to 14 days to be delivered.

The Postmaster General replied that it was in constant touch with the possibilities of improving and accelerating air mail services generally.

**LAND PLANES IN 1949?**

One such possibility, not officially announced, is that in the New Year land planes will be used to serve Hongkong direct from Britain. Certainly the Colonial Office is considering proposals for improving Hongkong's aerodrome.

BOAC, the only British line directly serving Hongkong, told me they could not consider expanding the present services until delivery of more modern planes.

They are, however, expecting delivery early in the New Year of six Boeing Stratocruisers which will be used on the trans-Atlantic route, and 22 Canadairs and 25 Handley Page Hermes which will be put into service on Empire routes.

## ANOTHER PLANE TRAGEDY

Dogota, Dec. 15.—Thirty persons, including two Americans, were killed in the crash of an Alouette II helicopter shortly before midnight and reported that 28 passengers and four crewmen had been killed—United Press.

## PRINCE CHARLES CHRISTENED

London, Dec. 15.—Surrounded by members of the Royal Family, Prince Charles of Edinburgh, the month-old son of Princess Elizabeth and second in line to the Throne, was christened by the Archbishop of Canterbury at Buckingham Palace today.

The baby behaved beautifully throughout the service. Sister Ellen Rowe, who nursed Princess Elizabeth in her confinement, held the infant Prince during the service but handed him to Princess Margaret, one of his sponsors, just before the Archbishop performed the christening ceremony.

Before handing the Prince to the Archbishop, Princess Margaret stood by the golden silver-gilt font on its plinth of crimson velvet, adorned with white flowers, to speak the names—Charles Philip Arthur George.

Children of the Royal Chapel choir sang two hymns, "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Oh, Worship the Lord." The baby wore the historic Royal christening robes of silk and Honiton lace.

The Archbishop, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, in a short address, stressed the religious importance of the service and spoke of the duties undertaken by the eight sponsors.

**MOTHER LOOKS WELL**

Led by King George in morning clothes and the Queen in a dress and hat of flame-red, members of the Royal Family had entered the Music Room immediately before the service began.

Princess Elizabeth looked extremely well. She wore a coat of almost the same shade of red as the Queen with an off the face hat of brown, trimmed with flame coloured silk.

The organist played Handel's Water Music at the piano, as the choir boys in their red and gold Tudor uniforms filed in followed by the Archbishop of Canterbury in his gold cope and mitre and the Reverend M. Foxell, who assisted at the service.

Sister Ellen Rowe, in her blue and white nurse's uniform, then brought in the baby.

When the half-hour service ended, Nurse Rowe carried the baby out and the Royal Family and their friends took tea and ate slices of the christening cake in nearby State rooms.

**THE SPONSORS**

The Prince's eight sponsors were King George (his grandfather), Queen Mary (his maternal great grandmother), Princess Margaret (his aunt), King Haakon of Norway (his great-uncle by marriage) and also his first cousin twice removed—King Haakon married Princess Maud, sister of King George V, Prince George of Greece (great uncle on his father's side), the Dowager Lady Milford Haven (his paternal great grandmother), Lady Brabourne (his first cousin once removed—she is the elder daughter of Lord and Lady Mountbatten), and Mr. David, Bowes-Lyon (his maternal great uncle).

The Earl of Athlone stood proxy for the King of Norway and the Duke of Edinburgh, his father, stood proxy for Prince George of Greece.

King George, eloped by his doctors to attend the ceremony, showed no obviously noticeable signs of ill-health. About 50 guests attended the brief private ceremony.

Apart from the Royal Family and few personal friends, members of the Court and of the household of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke were present with the doctors who attended the birth.

Guests included: Princess Royal, the Duchess of Gloucester, the Duchess of Kent, Princess Alice and the Earl of Athlone, Admiral Sir

## Hiss Indicted For Perjury

New York, Dec. 15.—Alger Hiss was indicted for perjury today by a Federal grand jury which charged that he delivered secret State Department papers to Whittaker Chambers for transmission to Russia.

Just six hours before its 18-month probe of pre-war Communist espionage was ended by law, the Grand Jury said Hiss, former policy-making official of the State Department, had committed perjury on two counts. The Grand Jury could not indict Hiss for espionage because of three-year statute limitations.

The indictment said Hiss lied when he testified that he did not deliver Government documents to Chambers and when he said he had not seen Chambers after January 1, 1937.

Mr. John McGohey, announcing the indictment, said: "We can prove that he (Hiss) lied when he said he did not give the papers to Chambers. What we have to prove is that he was lying, not that he turned over the secret documents."

The maximum penalty for each of the two counts of perjury is five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

In Washington, the House Committee on UN-American Activities said the indictment "closes that phase of our investigation" into Communist espionage—United Press.

## Reds Will Try To Take Over All Berlin

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The Berlin Communist leader today issued a rally call for the Party to take over all Berlin in the coming year as the British commandant warned that a switch in Soviet tactics might be in the making.

The Communist city leader, Hans Jendertz, in a New Year resolution to the Party, said: "The New Year will bring victory of the democratic order in all Berlin."

He called for the breaking up of "reactionary strongholds," making clear that he included in that the legal government of Western Berlin.

The British commandant, Major-General Edwin Herbert, said: "Any one who thinks this cold war is a pushover should think again. There are always new methods, new weapons being brought into play by both sides. The Soviet tactics, which were based partly on a long, hard, unyielding winter, may have to be considerably revised."

German workers, meanwhile, are deserting the Russian sector of Berlin by the hundreds, and some agencies of the Communist rump regime have been nearly paralyzed as a result, a Western sector report said today.

In the Soviet telegraph offices, alone, 700 men have left their jobs to go to Western Berlin, it was asserted—United Press.

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## EDITORIAL

### Hongkong Can Make It

"HONGKONG Can Make It" is a catchphrase which manufacturers in this Colony could confidently adopt without fear of challenge, for the variety of articles turned out by local factories, both for everyday use and for special purposes, is indeed wide. This fact was creditably demonstrated at the British Industries Fair held in London this summer, and rather took British and Commonwealth visitors to the Fair by surprise. Hongkong products made such a good showing there that more elaborate arrangements are planned for next year. Meanwhile, our manufacturers are going ahead with promotion plans in different territories. Locally, they are today holding their most ambitious exhibition to date, and it should prove an eye-opener, possibly even to many Hongkong folk who may not have realised the rapid strides that local industries have taken since the end of the war. Hongkong had many thriving small industries before the war, and its products found a good market in many countries. Many plants, however, were destroyed or looted during the Japanese regime, and the industries have since been rebuilding. The exhibition will undoubtedly serve a useful local purpose, but for it to enjoy any sustained benefits, its features must be brought to the attention of traders in other parts of the world.

materials as well as uncertainty as to markets. Great credit is due to the manufacturers, no less than to Government officials charged with the task of assisting this phase of rehabilitation, that Hongkong industry has recovered to its present extent. In wishing the Chinese products exhibition the success it deserves, we would also add that the enterprise should be given the widest possible publicity outside of the Colony. It is possible that there are, in Hongkong at the moment, some visiting traders from overseas, and the Kowloon display should be of exceptional interest to them. The principal object of the exhibition would appear to be to bring to the attention of the overseas markets how worthy while it is these days to deal with Hongkong products: wherefore the organisers should make every effort to attract the practical interest of the various overseas trade commissioners resident in the Colony. Our manufacturing industries might also be usefully promoted outside the Far East by the Chambers of Commerce co-operating in producing an attractive, well illustrated, and thoroughly catalogued brochure which could be widely distributed. The exhibition will undoubtedly serve a useful local purpose, but for it to enjoy any sustained benefits, its features must be brought to the attention of traders in other parts of the world.





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## WOMANSENSE

### Christmas Gifts From Your Kitchen

By ALICE DENHOFF

IN making up the holiday gift list, there are invariably people to whom one desires to give a small, intimate, yet personal gift, rather than an expensive or even inexpensive something from a store. That's where a gift from your very own kitchen, made by your own fair hands, is very much of the essence.

Such a gift might well be a fat lot of delicious homemade jam, beautifully wrapped and ribboned. For a quickly prepared but ever-so-good marmalade jam, remove seeds and webby membranes from 2 c. tangerine sections. Then chop the fruit, combine with 2 tbsp. each chopped tangerine and grapefruit peel, also chopped, and with 1/4 grapefruit juice, 3/4 c. sugar and 1/2 c. light corn syrup. Place in saucepan over low heat and bring to a boil, cooking rapidly for 10 min. Remove from heat, pour into sterilized jelly glasses or in a dish to cool. Makes about 2 c. jam. To "chop" citrus peel and pulp, use your kitchen scissors.

Stick whole cloves into the skin of very thin-skinned oranges until the rind is completely covered, a point that the small cloves will enjoy. Then roll the orange in equal parts of powdered sugar, root and ground cinnamon. Put in as much of the powdered mixture as will adhere to the orange. Wrap the pomander in tissue paper or other soft paper and keep for several weeks. Remove paper, shake off any loose powder, and the pomander is then ready for shelves or drawers.

To hang in a closet, crochet a loose circular cradle, or simply tie the pomander with a piece of ribbon, ending in a loop. Pomanders will keep their fragrance for many years and make pretty gifts.

Not home made but assembled by the giver is a good spice shelf. For the male or female gourmet, especially for curry addicts, how about assembling a "curry set-up": curry powder, long grain rice, chutney, peanuts, preserved ginger? A beautiful salad bowl and with it a collection of salad spices and herbs: paprika, mustard seed, celery seed, pepper, garlic, salt, is a good choice.

#### Another Home-made Gift

Not really a kitchen item, but made from items in your kitchen, that's the story of the next small gift. Mix together an ounce of ground cloves, powdered nutmeg, and ground cinnamon. Sew into pretty little bags, and there you have sachet with a delicious odour, one that moths will stay away from.

And how about making up a batch of pomanders for those small, clove-stuck oranges? Pomanders, Colonial times to scent drawers and closets and to do battle with the pesky moth. Today they are very popular again.

#### After Dark



By ALICE ALDEN

WHEN IT IS advisable to travel light—and that is nearly always these days—clothes must be chosen with great care. An ideal travelling companion, is the essentially simple but very smart dinner dress of the informal type, which, when teamed with its own jacket becomes an effective afternoon costume. Paul Paries comes up with a real beauty of soft gray woolen with Venice lace that sets off the rounded neckline and graciously accents the graceful skirt. The waist-length jacket is snugly fastened with self-covered ball buttons.

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1—Remove old polish thoroughly, using cotton-tipped in oily polish remover. Be sure that the remover is the oily variety. It is the acetone type of polish remover, not the liquid polish, which is responsible for many of the brittle nail difficulties. To banish traces of polish from the edges of the nails, use the tip of an orangewood stick, dipped in polish remover.

2—File and shape the nails, using the coarse side of an emery board. File in one direction only, never back and forth. Never let the edge of the emeryboard touch the cuticle. Use the fine side of the emeryboard to buff the edges of the nails.

3—Buff the nails briskly so that they will provide a smooth base for liquid polish. This will also stimulate circulation. Scrub in warm, soapy water.

4—Dry thoroughly, remove cuticle, using a cotton-tipped orangewood stick dipped in oily cuticle remover. Work the stick gently around the edges of the nails to soften and loosen the cuticle, which overlaps the nail. Use the stick to remove stubborn bits of dirt embedded under the nail tips.

5—Go over the nails again with oily polish remover to prepare the surfaces for the polish.

6—Apply a coat of polish foundation, then a single coat of polish. First, drain the brush on inside of neck of bottle so that there will not be too much on the brush. Outline the half-moons, then, with light orangewood stick to remove any polish that gets on the cuticle. Allow polish to dry thoroughly. Do not try to hasten drying by fanning or holding under a light. This may cause the polish to bubble or dry unevenly.

7—Finish by applying cuticle oil or hite-nail cream, massaging it gently around bases and sides of nails. Be sure to use oil or cream every night to keep the cuticle properly conditioned. This daily use will make the weekly manicure a much simpler task.

### The £10 Gap: Women turn to 'Utility'

By PATRICIA LENNARD

WOMEN are finding too few dresses in the shops to bridge the gap between top-price utility at £7 odd and top controlled price at nearly £18. They are therefore buying more utility clothes because the utility dress provides its own safeguard of quality: it must conform to certain standards, whereas there is no such specification for non-utility.

The dress sketched is typical of the better quality utility wool dresses on sale for winter. Invariably the prototype utility wool dress



is still the classic shirtwaister: the New Look has made it rounder and longer, for these are the only concessions utility can make to fashion. Soft and pale turquoise blue wool is used by Dalsby for the up-to-date classic shirtwaister (above).

### A Child's First Lessons

By GARRY CLEVELAND  
MYERS, Ph.D.

LONG before your school child has any regular homework assignments, you may desire to help him with his reading, memory work or spelling. If you can do so without making it a burden to him, you and he might both find it a happy and profitable experience. It is fortunate if he asked you to hear him read for his pleasure, or to show you how he can count or spell. When he does so, you should express great delight over his achievement. When he brings home a paper of written work that has a perfect or high grade on it, display it on the wall.

You need to be calm and relaxed when you attempt to help a child of any age with his lessons. Set the stage so he won't feel anxious and hurried. When he forgets something, as a word or its spelling or a number fact, show no irritation. Just give him the correct item or show him how he can get it himself. Nothing is so important as for you never to raise your voice in anger or even to feel the least bit vexed at his slightest failure. Always be must feel hopeful and self-respecting. When his forgetting, errors and confusion seem to mount, persuade him to pause for some time.

If Child Lags  
When in the upper grades or senior high school you learn that your child is lagging at school, you may be tempted to rebuke or punish him for his lagging. A more sensible way is to look at his ways of homework and help him improve them.

The child who has little or no regulation of his evening programme before he enters higher grade hardly has too good a preparation for serious application to regular homework. He needs to hold himself to a time schedule and to get down to serious business, promptly. To this end more lecturing by the parents often does more harm than good. They need to be skillfully persuasive in a companionable family atmosphere.

### Use Of Green In Decorating

By ELEANOR ROSS

THE use of green for many rooms, especially for the bedroom, has been confirmed by the model rooms that break out at this time of year. Green, restful, yet mildly stimulating, cheerful and smart, should be considered when doing over a bedroom. Homemakers will find unlimited possibilities for the use of some shade of green in the dominant colour in headboards, drapery and upholstery fabrics. Because green combines yellow and blue, it has the bright sunny qualities of yellow and the restful quality of blue. In a dark room, a bright sunny green adds safety and colour to earthy tones of light, while a cool, darker shade of green is effective in an over-bright room.

Use Of Green  
Nature's lavish use of green combined with the blue of the water and sky, the colours of the earth and the rainbow hues of flowers, harmonizes vividly the possibilities of mixing green with other colours, which can be equally well applied to work out desired room effects. Thus a pale green with pastel colours is appropriate for a bedroom of the dainty, feminine type. Dark bottle green with shades of beige or grey is a good choice for a masculine bed-

room study, while clear shades of green with accents is a mighty cheery combination for a child's bedroom.

A display of headboards shows upholstery in every shade of green for pale chartreuse to deep forest green, and in every type of material from simulated leather to luxurious quilted velvet.

Like Green Satin  
There was a handsome headboard upholstered in lime green satin and another design was done in a clear green velvet with button tufting. Both nice for a definitely elegant type of room, the top-pale greens under most of us, was a headboard done in white and green striped glazed chint.

White accents are delightful in a green bedroom, especially for the deeper tones, and an especially nice choice for summer decor. Keep away from the top-pale greens unless they are well spiced with strong colour accents. As for the actual job, by choosing green to set the colour theme of the room, then planning a headboard to play up the particular decorative effect desired, the room plan for a bedroom is done as the rest of the furnishings will be naturally suggested.

### Consider Cut And Colour When You Shop For A New Dress



Gloria Henry, movie star, always looks chic because she chooses her clothes with an eye to colour and line.

By HELEN FOLLETT

EVERY clever dress designer knows that temperament as well as cut and colour must be considered when a woman shops for clothes. The woman who sees herself as a certain type, requiring certain kinds of attire, has already eliminated many of her difficulties. That frock is a success only if she feels at ease in it and regards it with affection.

There are women who, by temperament, require dashing colours and extreme styles. They know how to carry their duds with verve and flair. Other women who might, as far as physical characteristics go, wear the same models, would be utterly miserable in them because they are not temperamentally suited to extravagant designs.

To be clothes conscious is to be without pose. To feel "all dressed up" is to be ill at ease. It is over-dressing that creates the frump. The lady of fashion knows that elegant simplicity has it all over ruffles and feathers. Then, one sees the woman rather than the dry Christmas, the season of good cheer.

goods she wears. The wearer should dominate clothes, be of first importance, first to catch the admiring eye. Black is, and probably will always be, one of the most popular colours, if colour it can be called. Not only because it is most sophisticated of all but because it never overpowers the wearer.

Certain colours suggest certain seasons. Red suggests festival and joy. In spring there is a rush for pastel shades—delicate green, sunlight yellow, faint rose—because they are in harmony with the first blooms in the garden. During the winter season of furs and velvets and heavy fabrics, darker colours are in order. The woman who suffers from colour fear, feels that she must wear cold greys, drab tones or dull browns up to be ill at ease. It is over-dressing that creates the frump. The lady of fashion knows that elegant simplicity has it all over ruffles and feathers. Then, one sees the woman rather than the dry Christmas, the season of good cheer.

### Let's Eat BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN Packaged, Prepared Foods

RECENTLY in speaking before an organization of young housewives, I found that one of the problems uppermost in their minds was the right use of packaged-prepared foods, such as the new bread and cake mixes, pie crust, canned meats, dinners-in-a-box and prepared desserts.

My answer was that they all have a place in the menu when time-saving justifies the extra cost. When there is very little pantry storage space for a variety of ingredients.

Own Specialties  
"But these 'convenience' foods should not interfere with the development of a good home-cooked cuisine for the family," said the Chef. "The homemaker should learn to cook her own specialties and to increase her cooking repertoire. The foods that come in packages are a good convenience, but they would be a little tiresome if they became a steady diet."

Individual Touches  
The Chef looked bewildered. "It's the same with packaged prepared foods," I hastened to add. "They must be individualized by interesting seasonings and additions, or they will taste exactly like the foods served by everyone else."

"Absolutely agreed," said the Chef. "That is why I add fried onions to tomato soup, or a little diced meat to pea soup. I find the thinned fish very good for hors d'oeuvres, but those I also make individual. For example, I add onion cream and dill to the pickled herring. Your thinned salmon is par excellence, but even to that I add the diced onion and tomato slices, and a few capers. I also find it necessary to add a special personal touch to canned meats; otherwise they are too much of the same monotonous taste. Some of them are improved by slicing and sauteing with a little onion, celery or other vegetables, and serving with a rich Danish sauce and heat in a rich Danish sauce and serve with flaky potatoes, or they are good to scallop with macaroni and cheese."

"Then there are the new packaged breads and mixes of all kinds," I added. "Most of them are of established reputation. Quite a number of these are within the budget class, and save considerable time. And these can also be personalized. A few dates, raisins, nuts or grated cheese added to a yeast-roll mix; 1/4 cup of shredded coconut stirred into the devil's food mix; packaged gingerbread made with black coffee instead of water: These and many other combinations can transform commercial foods into a specialties do la maison."

The Chef chuckled. "I like your French with the accent American," he commented. "And that reminds me—the speciality of a maison for our dinner will be custard cream with blackberries, made with a prepared vanilla pudding and served with blackberries. Red suggests festival and joy. In spring there is a rush for pastel shades—delicate green, sunlight yellow, faint rose—because they are in harmony with the first blooms in the garden. During the winter season of furs and velvets and heavy fabrics, darker colours are in order. The woman who suffers from colour fear, feels that she must wear cold greys, drab tones or dull browns up to be ill at ease. It is over-dressing that creates the frump. The lady of fashion knows that elegant simplicity has it all over ruffles and feathers. Then, one sees the woman rather than the dry Christmas, the season of good cheer."

Custard Cream With Blackberries (tin)  
Make up 1 package prepared vanilla pudding according to directions, flavouring it with 1/4 tsp. powdered cinnamon. Transfer to sherbet glasses and chill. Before serving, heat with sugared blackberries.

Trick Of The Chef  
To keep and prepare blackberries or raspberries before serving: First pick them over, and remove any imperfect berries or bits of stem. Wash thoroughly in cold water. Spread on a plate covered with a paper towel, cover with waxed paper and keep in the refrigerator. Just before serving place in a sieve and rinse gently with cold water. Drain and dry on a paper towel.



# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**AERIAL TOPOGRAPHY**—Lockheed P2V Neptunes of the U.S. Navy flying over the barren terrain of the Fairweather Range in southeast Alaska. The planes are photomapping the Alaskan area, in co-operation with the U.S. Department of the Interior, to determine the water power possibilities of the "panhandle" area from Skagway to the south.



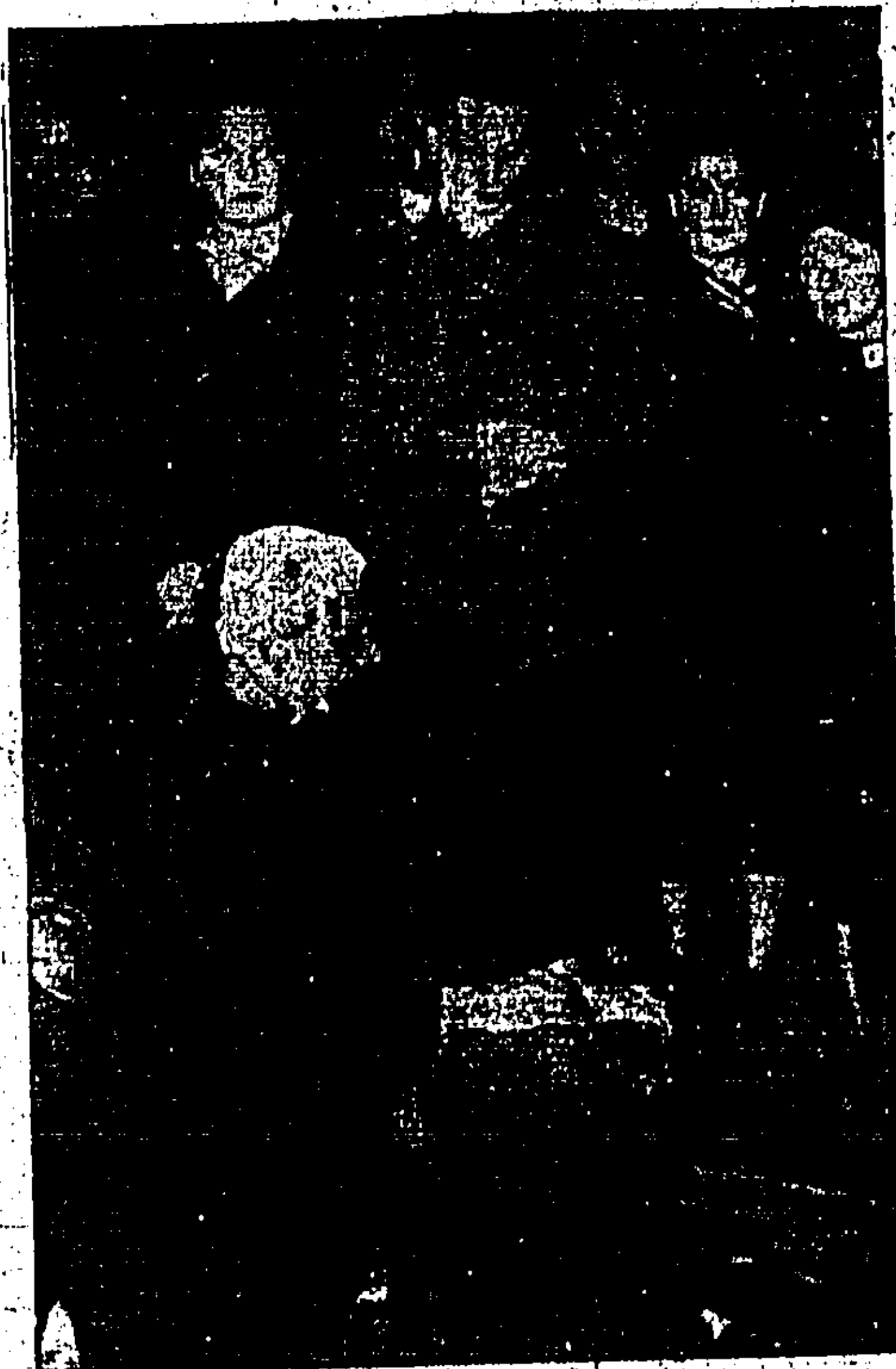
**CUTLASS CAPER**—Renowned for his dazzling leaps and obstacle jumps, which have brought him world records, skater Harris Legg sails over the bared swords of pretty pirate lassies in the Madison Square Garden. He is practising his Pirate's Plunder number for the New York showing of the Ice Follies.



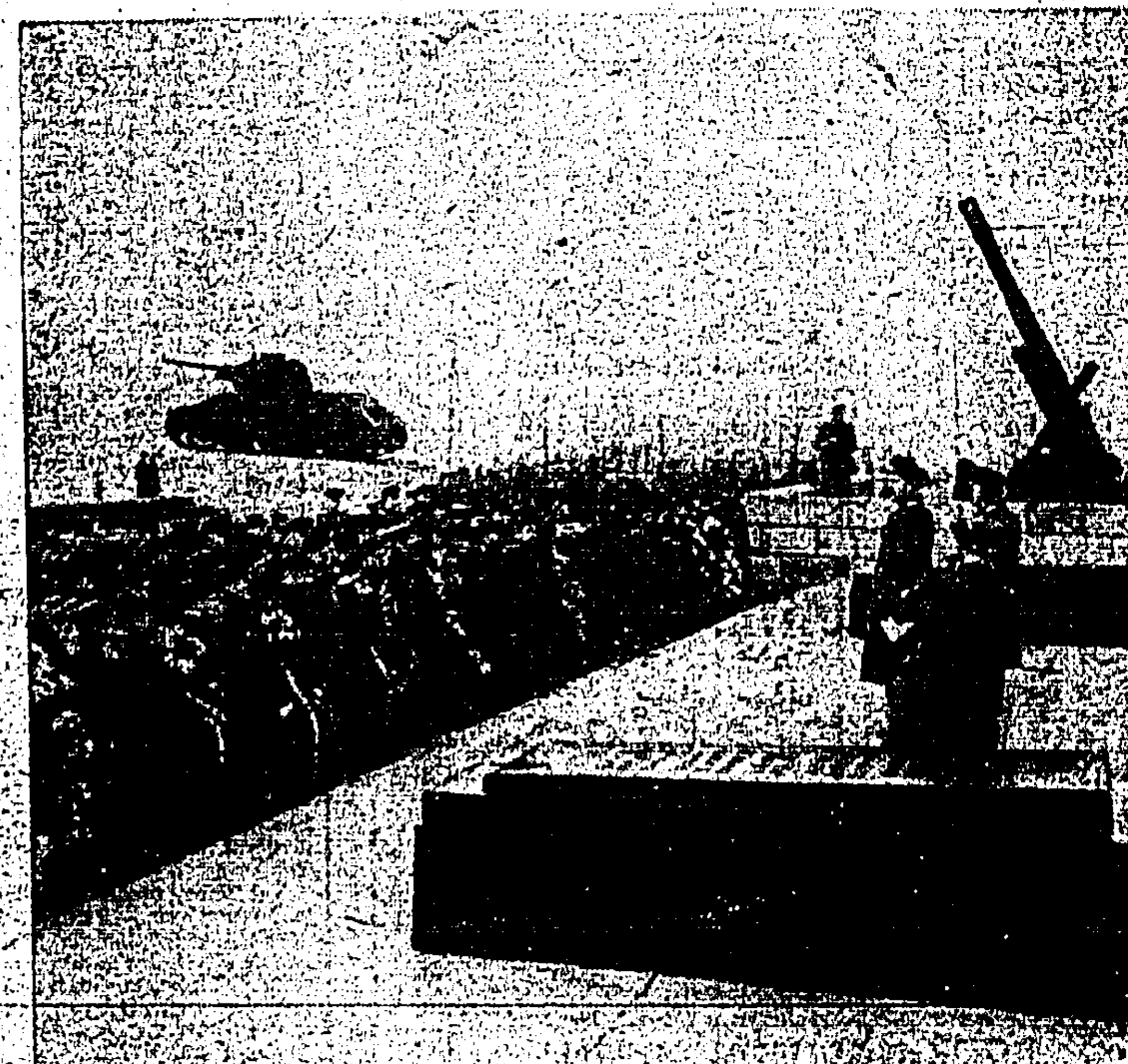
**LAZY MAN'S SAW**—Marines at Quantico, Virginia, have been testing this two-wheeled, self-propelled tractor saw with special care. If it passes all the tests, it will be used for clearing passages through wooded areas in the wake of amphibious landings. One saw can level flush-to-the-ground cuts of 40-inch trees faster than several crews of men with ordinary logging tools.



**FLAGS FOR THE MAYOR**—Twenty competitors in the 68th International Six-Day Bicycle Race, held in New York City, present their countries' flags to acting Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri at the City Hall. The pedal pushers, many of whom are dressed in the colours of their respective nations, represent 14 countries.



**QUIETENS DOWN**—An inspired demonstrator seems a bit less enthusiastic as he sits it out on a car bumper on the Champs Elysees in Paris. Communist war veterans battled police in an Armistice Day demonstration.



**IN THE BRITISH SECTOR**—A Russian general addresses troops at the huge Soviet War Memorial located in the British sector of Berlin. Occasion was the 31st anniversary of the Russian revolution.

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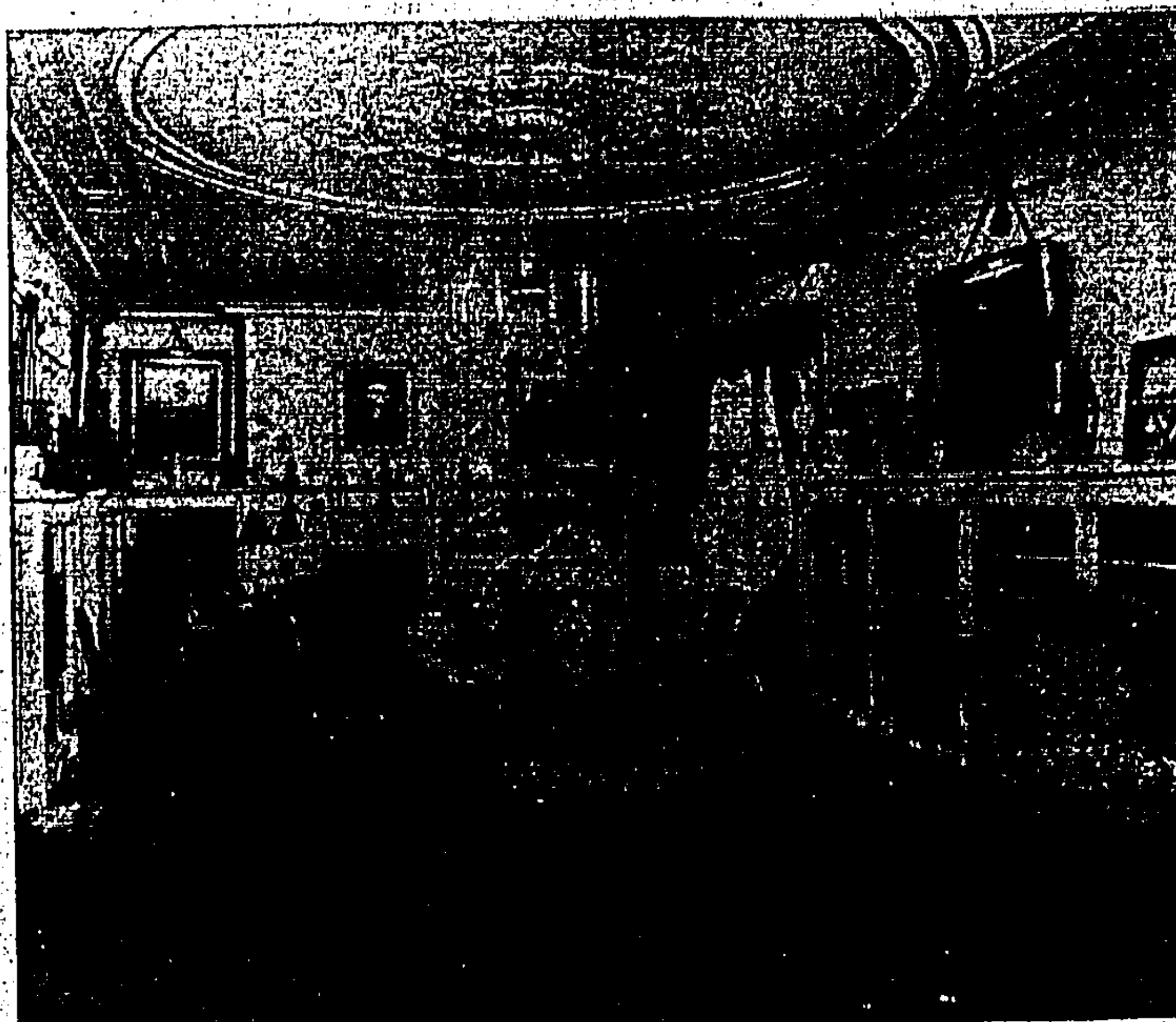
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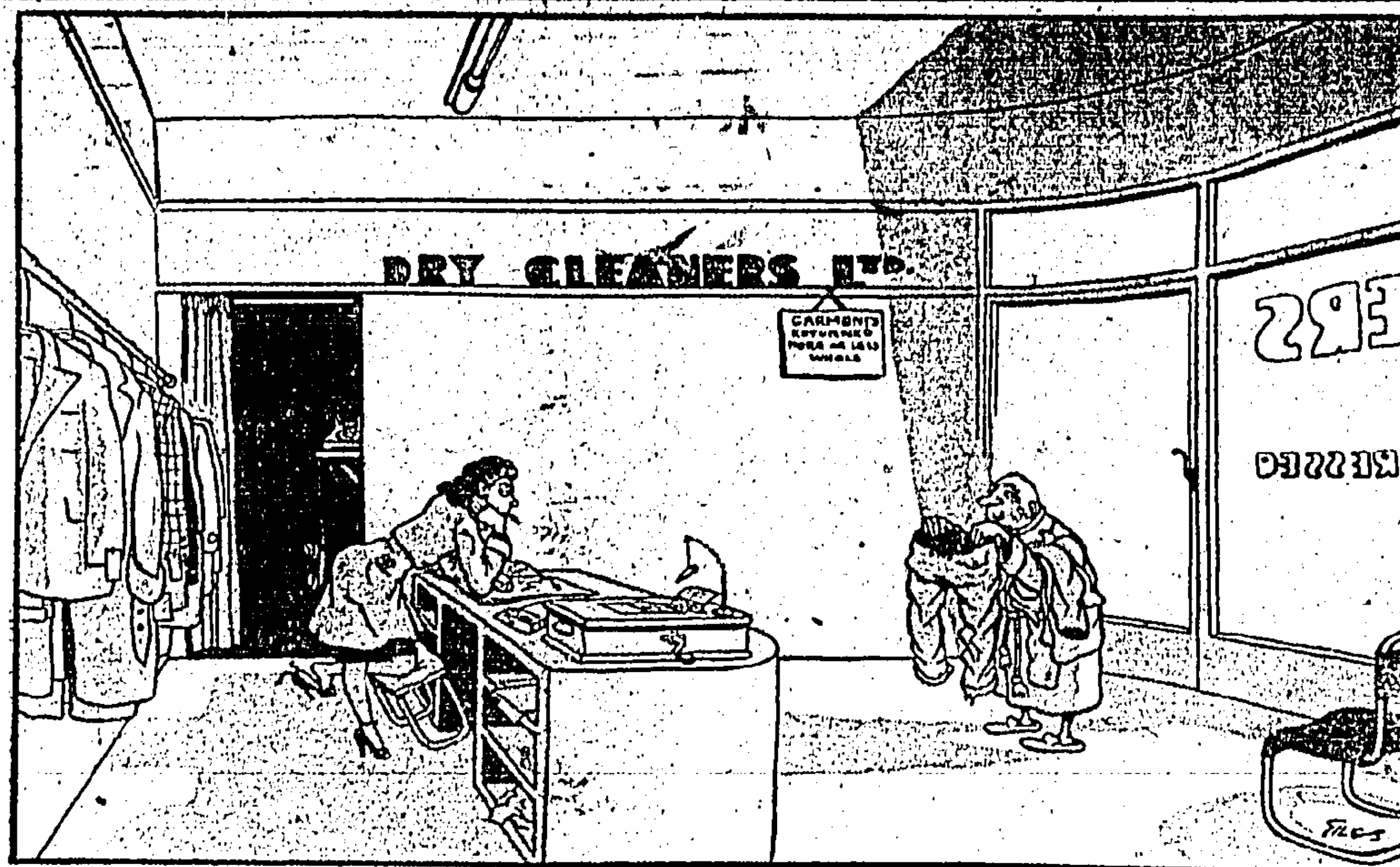
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"Any chance of getting these done in time for this Festival of Great Britain in 1951?"

## 'Money mania' is killing British films

by MILTON SHULMAN

FOR months now I have watched such lovely creatures as Linda Darnley, Moira Shearer, Vivien Leigh, Christine Norden, Paulette Goddard go through Maori risings, commit beautiful suicides, seduce the royalty of Europe, corrupt politicians, fight duels with whips in a series of extravagant epics variously called "Forever Amber," "The Red Shoes," "Idol of Paris," "Green Dolphin Street," "Anna Karenina" or "An Ideal Husband."

But neither the graceful way in which these ladies achieved their separate fates, nor the presence of Technicolour and a cast of thousands, nor budgets ranging from £200,000 to £500,000 nor the shrill cries of the publicity boys, could prevent me from viewing their antics with a curious, cold detachment mingled with an irresistible tendency to yawn, fidget and wonder when it was all finally and mercifully going to end.

### Laughs, Tears

Yet recently I have seen four Continental films—the French films "Le Silence est d'Or" and "L'Idiot" and the Italian films "Shoe Shine" and "Four Steps in the Clouds."

They were photographed in the simplest tones of black and white. They contained no glamorous war-movie Margaret Lockwood or Lana Turner. They did not rely on Babylonian sets, Technicolour or best-selling novels. They were all made at a cost of well under £100,000.

Yet they made me laugh. They made me cry. They hit me look deep into the hearts and minds of people I knew and could understand. They showed me how thrilling and exhilarating the cinema could really be.

### The Secret

Now what is there about these postwar Italian and French films that have made critics everywhere shout their thesaurus for the appropriate laudatory adjectives and why is it that the latest British and American productions have made vitriol and asbestos so essential an ingredient of every critic's writing equipment?

Perhaps Roberto Rossellini, the director of the Italian films, Open City and Paisa, has the short, but complete, answer to that question: "My films try to present life—not to represent it," he said.

And a short trip across the Channel would show British film-makers how it is possible to make good films cheaply. For the French would tell them how they made "Le Silence est d'Or" for £80,000, "L'Idiot" for £90,000 and "La Symphonie Pastorale" for £50,000 each. The Italians would do even better than that by showing him how "Open City" was made for £25,000 and "Shoe Shine" and "Four Steps in the Clouds" for £35,000 each. Some recent British films have cost as much as £300,000 each.

Now undoubtedly the French and the Italians also make bad pictures. But not nearly as often and not nearly as badly as the British and the Americans. In fact statistics would show that whereas the Latins pull off a worthwhile picture about once in every four tries our best average seems to be about one in ten and the Americans about one in 20.

Yet such dreary Anglo-American statistics are likely to become much more depressing if films continue to be made by men who study



The Italians have the "know-how": a scene from the success, "Four Steps in the Clouds."

scripts as if they were balance-sheets, and handle ideas as if they were overdrafts. For it is undoubtedly this accountant's attitude to film production which has transformed an artistic medium into a frozen asset.

"How much will it cost?" and "What will it gross?" are the litmus tests that determine whether or not a film will be made. No one ever asks: "What is it trying to say?" and "Is it worth saying?"

Thus, with very few exceptions, every new film must satisfy three

primary conditions before it can be passed through the stolid iron grill which many film producers use for a brain.

### Old Mixture

1—The plot must be one that has made money before. Thus hard-riding cowboys, sinister Orientals, wise-cracking reporters, putulant chorus girls, sadistic gangsters, suave psychiatrists, hard-bitten Legionnaires, omniscient detectives, hissing infant prodigies and glamorous courtesans continue to parade across the screen in an endless and infantile display of posturing, primping and babbling mere-ly because those self same cowboys, Orientals, reporters, chorus girls, etc., made money doing the same silly things some time before.

2—Every film must have what is euphemistically known as a star. This means that some well built young woman is hysterically and blatantly publicised as possessing the combined qualities of Sarah Bernhardt, Madame Curie and Helen of Troy and is henceforth presented three or four times a year to perform her limited repertoire of hip-swaying, cooing and cooing in a nurse's uniform, a sarong or a bubble bath.

3—No film must be controversial. It must not say anything that will offend Catholics, Protestants, Jewish socialists, capitalists, trade unionists, vegetarians, housewives, school-children, the Legion of Decency, the Breen Office, the American Way of Life, the Empire, Western Union, Uno and anti-invisibilists. In short it must say

nothing at all. And in fact it succeeds financially because it combines the adolescent appeal of chewing gum with the habit-forming quality of nicotine.

Sometimes, but only too rarely, a daring and mature idea manages to bloom for a moment in this desert of box-office sterility. Then we are enthralled with pictures like "The Informer," "It Happened One Night," "Modern Times," "Henry V," "Hamlet," "Boomerang," "Pygmalion," "Brief Encounter" and "Waterloo Road."

But these bright flames of cinematic genius are soon snuffed out because the commercial powers-that-be, either unaware of what has happened or frightened at the prospect of having to do it again, are busy churning out second-rate copies of the original or pretending that nothing new has taken place at all.

Thus year after year the same formula is presented in a slicker, more opulent and more extravagant manner. It is assumed that by making the same hackneyed plots more stupendous, more colossal and more gigantic than they were before they will somehow become better.

### Real People

Some day both British and American film makers may awake to find that their audiences have grown up and that the sticky cinematic sweet ration that satisfied a public that has learned that the cinema can sometimes be intelligent.

When that day comes they will do well to study the techniques of the French and Italian studios who have made good pictures by the simple device of letting real people do real things in front of an intelligent camera. And then they will also discover that money alone will never produce a healthy cinema industry. That needs brains.

## IS STALIN FOOLING?

By ROBERT MUSEL

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Since Russia fooled the world by using her second-string army in the Finnish war of 1939, people have been chary of criticising Marshal Stalin's military machine.

This correspondent is no exception. For the last few days he has been walking through the Soviet sector of this partitioned city, and the men and officers he saw seem to bear no relation to the almost legendary heroes, who triumphed over the German Wehrmacht.

Most newspapermen who have seen the Russians here at close range have about the same opinion. If the shabby troops in this Western outpost of Russia are the pick of Stalin's men—as they are sometimes said to be—it raises the interesting question of what sort of troops are stationed closer to Moscow where the West cannot see them. But there again, Marshal Stalin may be trying to fool the West.

The flower of his forces may have been withdrawn to the homeland, to be replaced by men and boys—mostly the latter—one sees trudging through the streets of their sector, in worn grey-blue overcoats and never looking very happy in daylight. I have yet to see one of them smile.

They ride stiffly in little motor cars or march along as though bound on urgent business, without friendly curiosity for Americans, British or French.

### NOT WELL FED

The American military intelligence suspects that the Russian troops are not as well fed or billeted as their wartime allies and that bathing facilities certainly are more limited too. Most Americans who deal directly with the Russians say they are not such bad fellows when you get to know them, and they have real respect for some of the Soviet officers.

Of the Russian rank and file, one American officer said: "They're not so much individuals, but there's so darn many of them."

Occasionally, Russians wander into the Anglo-American sectors in search of frivolity, and sometimes American and British military police have to appear to them when the celebrating gets too violent and send them back home.

American officers, incidentally, say reports of Russian raping of German girls are highly exaggerated, but they probably have the edge on the rest of the occupying troops when it comes to hurrying courtship along.

### TOP SECRET

The nondescript troops Stalin has sent fit to stallion in this showcase for the West are not the only signs that might have been to 1939. At Kotsen airfield, most Russian transport is the horse and wagon, and Americans who have driven through long Russian-occupied stretches have been equally mystified at the apparent lack of trucks, command cars and other vehicles. Ever planes which have been manoeuvring from the Russian airfields over Brandenburg, Kotsen and Perleberg are suspiciously old-fashioned—Yaks and PO-2s, which the American pilots call "sewing machines."

This could be more of Stalin's spoofing. Allied intelligence knows he has jet planes, at least one of which equals and possibly surpasses the American P-50. In fact, they know a good deal of what lies behind the facade Russia presents to the West. But what most of it is top secret.—United Press.

## Russian Window

A weekly glimpse into the Russian mind, assembled from Moscow-circulated news in the Soviet sector of Berlin.

KROKODIL, the Russian comic paper, takes on Hollywood.

IN a prologue to an ingenious stage adaptation of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" the Moscow Arts Theatre shows election day in a Southern town in the U.S.A. A Nigger has defied the whites and been to the polls to vote.

She is returning home with her little daughter, when they are both run down by a car full of white toughs. Furious at the Negroes for defying the unwritten law, that bans them from voting in the South.

The girl is fatally injured. Appeals by the mother, to passers by for help are in vain. She sits by the road with the dying girl in her arms. On the other side of the road is a sign advertising "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The little girl asks her mother to tell her the story.

The prologue ends here, and the mother's tale of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is presented on the stage.

By giving the Negroes' version of the story, dramatist Brustein can show Uncle Tom in a critical Marxist light as a weak character, who could have advanced the cause of freedom for the Negroes by organising them and fighting back.

THE paper depicts a 12-year-old ruffian looking boy, lounging back in a huge armchair, cigarette between his lips, feet on the table.

Mother comes in stroking a pebble and says: "Johnny, I'm going to give you a watch for your birthday." "No," scowls Johnny, "give me a revolver and I'll get the watch myself."

The title is "Hollywood Upbringing."

PRIVATE PROPERTY—with all mod. con—is no longer out of step.

FOR months past Soviet architects, builders, and engineers have been put through special refresher courses. They have had to rid their minds of ambitious projects for skyscrapers, theatres, and communal centres and think in more modest terms.

In one week recently, special "building brigades" have been assembled and instructed. Now the plan has been announced, and the architects and labourers turned loose.

"Our villages must be changed and made places fit for Soviet heroes to live in," the word went out.

Within the next four years three million homes are to be built in the villages. The Russians have been told by press and radio of the joys of home life, of owning one's own house, with a little garden front and back.

The complications of private property no longer strike terror into his heart. He is even encouraged to set to and build his own home without waiting for the special building brigades.

The ideal home for the villager is described as a four-room affair with wide windows, a bathroom, with "hygienic fittings" and a veranda.

The new model villages will replace the cluster of log-and-mud hovels of the old days. The clean sweep made by the Nazis of Soviet villages inspired the four-year plan announced recently.

A NEW version of the Marshall plan comes out of the hat.

IN Moscow's best variety theatre a conjurer appears on the stage wearing a mask, which passes for Secretary of State Marshall. He raises his top hat and out flies a white dove with an olive twig in its beak.

It flies round the room and perches on a small table. The magician follows it and places his hat over



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the bird. After a few seconds he raises his hat again and presto, the dove has become an atom bomb. Prolonged applause.

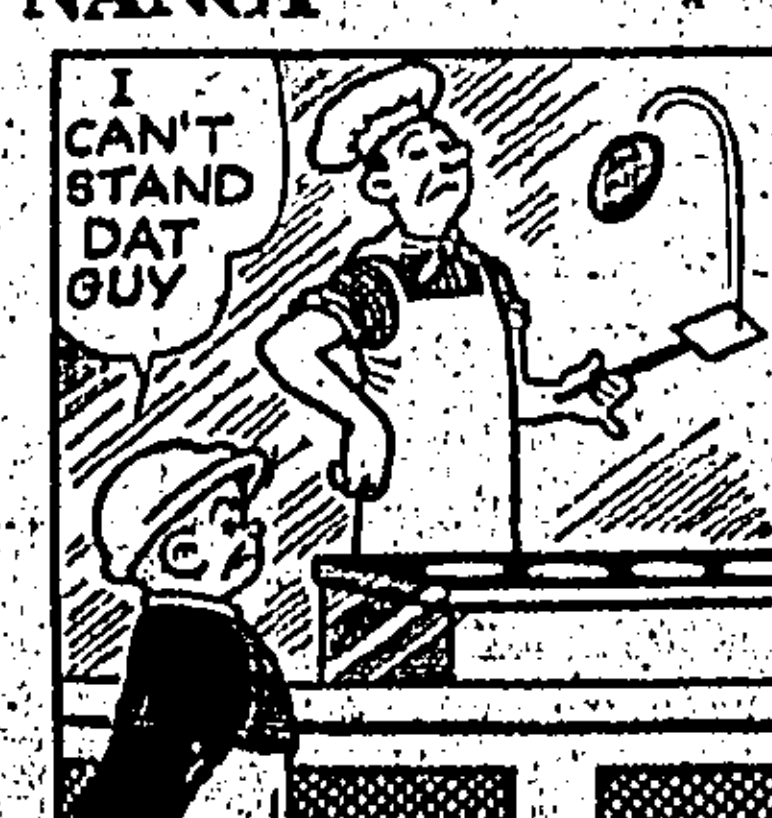
A FAMOUS contralto makes a song about the inadequacies of composers.

MADAME BARSOVA, who is one of the finest contraltos of the Moscow Opera, is unhappy about Soviet composers. In fact, in this month's issue of "Soviet Music," she has written an open letter to the composers complaining that they are no longer writing good opera or good songs for the fingers.

"The public is leaving the theatre unimpressed and disappointed," she writes. "Melodious expression is lacking because there is no song in the souls of our composers."

"Like a breath of fresh air, we must have a modern Soviet operatic repertoire. The Soviet people demand it. worthy Soviet opera, and it is the duty of the composers and singers to work together to achieve it."

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# U.S. POLICY TOWARDS CHINA UNCHANGED

## Madame Chiang's Visit Is A Failure

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Robert A. Lovett, told a press conference today that there was no change in United States foreign policy towards China. He said that Madame Chiang Kai-shek's visit to the United States has resulted in no change in United States foreign policy towards China and that United States foreign policy as laid down by Congress recognises the National Government of China under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and has implemented aid to that Government.

As the reporters attempted to draw Mr Lovett out on China, he reiterated emphatically several times in response to various questions that the United States has not changed its foreign policy.

One reporter said that the last statement he remembered on United States foreign policy towards China, called for a broadening of the Nationalist Government to include Communists.

Mr Lovett said that he did not agree with the accuracy of the recollection. He said that he had no information concerning the formation of a coalition government in China except what he had seen in the newspapers.

Asked about the reports of projected changes in the Nationalist Government constitution, Mr Lovett said that he has heard no such reports. He said that the United States has no plans as far as he knows to call the United States Ambassador to Nanking home for consultations.

He said that the Ambassador, Dr. Leighton Stuart, considered coming home to make a speech last month, but cancelled his plans. Mr Lovett said that he has heard nothing since then.

Mr Lovett said that there were no indications whatever of any programme calling for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to seek refuge in the United States should his Government fail.

Mr Lovett's words meant Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek were in response to a question about rumours in Nanking that Generalissimo Chiang might flee to America.

Asked if he had any information on Madame Chiang's plans to return home, he said that he had no information.—United Press.

### CLARIFICATION

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, today conferred with the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, for 25 minutes and afterwards told reporters: "I discussed with Mr Lovett the situation in China and sought clarification and elucidation of the position of the U.S. Government. I found the discussion helpful in that I received a good deal of clarification."

Dr Koo said Mr Paul Hoffman's remarks in Shanghai on Monday were "touched upon" during his talk with Mr Lovett.

Asked whether there was any significance attached to Dr Hu Shih's visit to Nanking, Dr Koo said political leaders there had been trying to enlist his services in the Government. Hu Shih formerly was Ambassador to the United States.

Dr Koo said it was only natural Government leaders would want to consult Hu Shih to "get his ideas" on the critical situation. To other questions, Dr Koo said:

1. There was no truth in reports that Chiang Kai-shek might visit the United States. Dr Koo said he had direct information from Nanking that the reports were false.

2. His transmittal to Congress of the appeal for help by the Chinese Yuan was "routine."

## Gags At The Metropolitan Opera Opening



## Stanley Closely Watched By Authorities For Eight Years

London, Dec. 15.—Sidney Stanley, the key figure in the Tribunal probing alleged corruption in Government circles, was said today to have been watched constantly since 1940 by officials seeking to enforce his deportation.

An official of the Aliens Office, Ernest George Warner, gave details of deportation order said to have been made out in 1933 against Stanley and his brother, Marcus Wulkan, now in the United States.

Warner produced the order, which he said was made against Solomon Koshyzek, alias Reichtand, known as Sid Wulkan and later as Sidney Stanley.

The police had been unable to trace "Sid Wulkan" from 1933 until 1940, when it was no longer possible to deport people to Poland. The deportation order against his brother, Marcus Wulkan, was recently revoked.

### ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Earlier today, the 22nd day of the hearing, the Minister of Works, Mr Charles Key, answered accusations made by anonymous letter writers.

The Tribunal Chairman said four letters had come to the Tribunal alleging that a company named, Intrade Limited, has received special consideration in materials and licences because Mr Key and other Ministers were friends of a director.

One letter alleged that Captain Gordon Shiner, the director, had boasted to a newspaper reporter that he could obtain any materials he wanted, and had only to speak to a Minister to "cut the red tape."

The Attorney General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, said another communication on the affairs, from a journalist, had been found to be largely inaccurate.

Mr Key agreed that he was a close personal friend of Captain Shiner, but insisted this friendship has never affected any of his decisions as Minister of Works.

### ON FRIENDLY TERMS

Mr Key was shown letters addressed to him by Captain Shiner mentioning Intrade's applications for licences. He said these letters had never been presented to him personally, but had been opened by his department officials and replied to officially.

Captain Shiner told the Tribunal he had been on friendly terms with Mr Key and his family for 20 years. He had once given Mr Key a miniature wireless set on his birthday, and had given the children books on their birthdays.

He said a Sunday newspaper report quoting him as saying he could approach Ministers and cut through red tape was a "deliberate lie." He had never sought to exercise any improper influence on Ministers to get licences granted. He believed the anonymous letters sent to the Tribunal had been inspired by a personal enemy.

Later, Sir Hartley Shawcross referred to a report from the United States which he had quoted previously to the Tribunal, describing Marcus Wulkan as "an unmitigated scoundrel."

### TOO ILL TO ATTEND

He had attributed it to the Proudfoot Agency but now it turned out the report was based on another, but no less reliable source. He had also received papers from the Foreign Office tending to confirm the suggestion made in the report.

The Tribunal heard a written telegram from the football pool promoter, Abe Sherman, who was said to be too ill to attend. Sherman said Stanley had told him Mr John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, was a particular friend of his and he might be able to help Sherman with his paper allocation.

Later, the Sherman statement, Abe and his brother, Harry, met Mr John Belcher. Harry told Mr Belcher what Stanley had been saying about him—that he had bribed Mr Belcher with £2,500, and that he had given him and Mrs Belcher other sums of money.

Mr Belcher was amazed at the suggestions and said: "Stanley is a dirty lying little bastard." Sir Hartley Shawcross announced that the evidence available for the Tribunal had been completed.—Reuter.

## "MYSTERY" WOMAN DISAPPEARS

### Countess D'Andurain

Casablanca, Dec. 15.—Countess Marguerite D'Andurain—the "mystery woman of the Near East"—whose adventures are said to have included a visit to the holy city of Mecca disguised as a Bedouin tribesman, was reported today to have disappeared from Tangiers in unexplained circumstances.

Nothing has been heard of the 53-year-old countess since early last month when she was reported in Tangiers in her yacht, Djelhan, in which she was said to be planning to bring gold from the Belgian Congo for sale in Tangiers.

The countess left her home on the morning of November 7 telling her maid she would return for lunch. She did not return and had not been seen since.

### POLICE SECRECY

The Agence France Presse reported that the police kept the matter secret in order "not to prejudice their inquiries."

An expert in pearls and precious metals, the blonde French woman was thought in the two world wars to have contacts with British, French and German secret services.

A friendship with Lawrence of Arabia was spoken of.

Her private life, described as "complicated," has a spectacular background.

One husband, a Prague nobleman, was killed with 20 dagger wounds in his body.

Another—the Bedouin Sheikh Soleiman—died mysteriously after taking her to Mecca.

A young nephew, died in 1944 after being given a poisoned chocolate. A French court acquitted her of charges in connection with his death.—Reuter.

### Reds In Peiping Suburbs

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Adding to the unsettled atmosphere, China Merchants Steam Navigation Company dock employees at Taku demanded assurances of continued employment upon learning that some higher servicing staffs were paid off.

The air of expectancy was intensified by the sudden departure of four China Merchants ships from Taku anchorage for Taku Bar, placing them outside the harbour area.—Reuter.

**CANADIANS EVACUATING.** Ottawa, Dec. 15.—It was announced today that arrangements were made to evacuate Canadians from Nanking and Shanghai by air starting on December 17.

The Canadian Affairs Minister, Mr. Brooke Claxton, said that two planes capable of carrying 40 passengers each, were chartered by the Government.

The passengers will have to pay their own expenses.

The first flight is scheduled to leave China on December 17 and is expected to arrive in Vancouver on December 19.

The Government has made no decision to remove the Canadian Embassy staff as yet.—United Press.

Mrs Betty Henderson (centre), who last year enlivened proceedings at the Metropolitan Opera opening in New York City, by being pictured with her leg on a table, appeared at this year's opening with a hair-do including curls. Here she appears in a gag scene not on the programme with Paddy O'Gally (left), identified as her physical trainer, and her escort, John Talbot, Jr.—AP Picture.

## Two Appeals Dismissed

Two appeals against convictions in the October sessions were refused this morning by an Appeal Court comprising Mr Justice Reynolds and Mr Justice Wicks.

Both the appellants, Ng Chi-jeung, alias Ngai Wan, alias Li Wan, and Wong Po-kan, appealed on the grounds that they were falsely accused and wrongly convicted.

Ng was sentenced on October 26 by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, to nine years and nine strokes for robbery and demanding money with menaces. The offence took place in British waters on April 9, when several junk people were robbed of rice. Previously, Ng had a sentence for possession of arms reduced by the Governor to whom he appealed for clemency.

Wong was sentenced to 10 years and 10 strokes by the Chief Justice on October 19 for armed robbery and possession of arms on June 30, at 20, Morrison Hill Road. The victim of the robbery was Mr V. R. Ribeiro.

The Appeal Court held that there was adequate evidence in both cases which entitled the jury to convict.

## Prince Charles Christened

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William, who will be seven years old next Saturday.

Prince William closed his eyes from the glare of flash bulbs as he went through the barrage of photographers.

The photographers agreed that Prince Charles was the perfect subject. In just over half an hour he was photographed 16 times. For most of the time he slept peacefully in the arms of Princess Elizabeth, the Queen or Queen Mary.

The King, who was also present, declined a chair offered him by the photographers. "I prefer to stand," he said. The Queen stayed for a few minutes with the cameramen, discussing photography in which she is very interested.—Reuter.

## Radio Hongkong

11.00 P.M. Programme Summary: 8.01, Light Orchestra with some popular songs by John McIlhenny; 8.30, La Demi-heure Française (Studio); 9.00, World and Home News (London Relay); 9.15, Rawley and Landauer on Two Pianos; 9.30, "Down Beat Stars" presented by Paul Stuart (Studio); 9.45, "From the Editorial" (London Relay); 10.00, University Programme: Pure and Applied Science No. 1, "Chemistry" by Professor C. N. Hinshelwood (BBCIS); 10.30, "Concerto" by Mozart; Concerto in C Major K 467 by Arthur Schnabel (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra; 10.45, Book Review; 11.00, "Crime, Gentlemen, please" a Comedy Thriller by Max Keeler with Patricia Wayne and Dean Ruskoff (BBCIS); 10.15, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.15, "Thursday Serenade" A Programme of Continuous Music; 10.45, Music for Dancing; 11.15, Weather Report and Close Down.

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**During December**







# 5-POINT US DEFENCE PLAN

## SCIENTISTS TO ASSIST

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Defence Secretary, Mr James Forrestal, today unveiled a five-point programme to bolster national defence, amid hints that new atomic bomb tests were planned at the supersecret Eniwetok atoll proving grounds.

Mr Forrestal also disclosed that General Eisenhower, former Chief of Staff and now President of Columbia University, had served as his personal adviser on general matters concerning military establishments.

Summing up recent and proposed defence moves, Mr Forrestal told a news conference that he had:

1. Appointed a group of top scientists and military leaders to study all types of weapons, including the atomic bomb, and to recommend which would be best in the event of war.

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2. Ordered all military sea transport, including 200 Army vessels, consolidated into one force under Navy command.

3. Drawn up plans to place all military shipments by land under control of the Army.

4. Arranged for joint use by the Army, Navy and Air Force of recruiting facilities and services at many places across the country.

5. Recommended to President Truman federalisation of the Air National Guard and consolidation with the Air Force Reserve.

The prospect of new A-bomb tests in the Western Pacific was raised by the Atomic Energy Commission which said that the area surrounding Eniwetok would continue to be a "danger area" until further notice.

### CLOSED TO OUTSIDERS

Eniwetok atoll and Igoona are permanently closed to outsiders. An ocean area roughly 200 miles square was declared a danger area for the calendar year 1948 and all unauthorised persons, foreign or American, warned to keep out. Today's order extends the ban indefinitely.

Spokesmen for the agency would not say that new bomb tests would be held, but the order reminded that Eniwetok was the "site of the Commission's proving grounds for routine experiments and tests of atomic weapons."

Three "improved" bombs were tested there last spring. Little information was released, but scientists here have voiced the belief that the new weapons, because of their more efficient design, get more blast power out of a given amount of atomic explosive than the 1945 models dropped on Japan.

Mr Forrestal said that, in announcing the formation of a scientist-military group on wartime weapons, he considered the problem a "matter of high importance." He said the group, which would act in an advisory capacity, was chosen carefully so that neither the military nor the scientists would have a stronger voice in the selection of weapons.—United Press.

## U.S. Tobacco For Germans

Bremen, Dec. 15.—A cargo of 5,000 barrels of American tobacco first Marshall Plan shipment to reach Germany, arrived at Bremen today in the American freighter, Flying Independence.

Mr Norman H. Collison, head of the Economic Co-operation Administration Mission to Germany, said that this was the first shipment of over \$10 million worth of tobacco to be imported into Western Germany under contracts already signed or being negotiated.

He added that the United States would provide the bulk of the shipments, but some tobacco would come from Greece and Turkey.—Reuter.



All this nonsense for a sand castle.

## Fire Follows Blast



This is a general view of the Portland, Oregon, riverfront area fire that followed a blast which shattered Portland post offices and blew the post commission engineer 200 feet. He survived with only minor injuries. Damage was estimated at \$75,000.—AP Picture.

## New Theory On The "Missing Link"

### MAY NEVER HAVE EXISTED

Berkeley, California, Dec. 15.—The famous "missing link" of man's prehistoric climb towards civilisation may be missing simply because it never existed.

Dr Richard Goldschmidt of the University of California, unveiling new evidence to support his radical theory of evolution, says the classic Darwin theory may be all wrong.

He thinks modern man may have descended from a "monster" instead of slowly evolving by a succession of minor changes.

Dr Goldschmidt, one of the world's eminent authorities on heredity and genetics, is studying laboratory experiments which indicate that most new species of life come into existence by sudden "cataclysmic" changes rather than by developing over thousands of years.

The suddenly-born mutations are "monsters" compared to their ancestors, which eventually they may supplant.

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Now it appears that heterochromatin may be responsible for these cataclysmic changes in life species," Goldschmidt said. "And there is some hint that it also may be concerned with the determination of sex. But it is very inconclusive so far."

### NATURE'S EXPERIMENTS

Pointing out that "monsters" are created by almost every species, including mankind, Goldschmidt said he thinks they may be "hopeful experiments" by nature rather than his mistakes.

If such monsters survive and thrive, he theorised, they may become the fathers of new species.

That explains why there are so many "missing links" in evolution which never have been found.

While believers in the Darwin theory of gradual evolution scoff at Goldschmidt's ideas, he challenges them to explain how hairless animals developed hair, how spineless creatures came to have backbones and how some organisms appeared with the skeletons of their bodies on the outside rather than inside their bodies.

Goldschmidt's laboratory experiments with heterochromatin and fruit flies, produced similar monsters in one generation, "indicating this cellular substance is in charge of early development and growth process."

He emphasised that no studies have been performed on the action of heterochromatin in human beings or any large animal. "But our work is only beginning," he added.—United Press.

## World Meeting Of Pacifists

London, Dec. 15.—Arrangements are being made for a world meeting of pacifists at Shantiniketan, near Calcutta, next December. Mr H. C. Alexander, chief adviser to the Quaker Movement in New Delhi, said here tonight.

Shantiniketan is the cultural centre founded by the late Indian poet, Sir Rabindranath Tagore. Mr Alexander, who recently returned from a private conference of British and American Quakers at Philadelphia, told Reuters that the general policy towards India, Pakistan, India and Pakistan, were discussed there.—Reuter.

## PLANNING TO PROTECT FACTORIES

### S'hai Workers To Co-operate

Shanghai, Dec. 16.—A number of Shanghai's small factory owners are quietly working on a plan to provide protection for plant and equipment against mob action in the event of a possible breakdown of local law enforcement.

Lacking the resources of the larger firms some of who are moving to South China, these small factory owners are said to be approaching their shop personnel with a plan to create factory defence groups for round-the-clock guard duty in the plants should disorders occur.

For their part the workers are expected to respond favourably, since their future livelihood depends upon machinery and equipment being kept intact and they possess neither the inclination nor means to evacuate. It could not be learned what measures, if any, were being taken to equip these plant guards with weapons of defence. But whether armed or not, it is felt that their presence in the plants would enable them to turn away would-be vandals by pointing out that their "rice bowls" would be broken if machinery was damaged or removed.

### NOT PULLING OUT

The factory owners are described as representing many of the small manufacturers who dismantled their plants and shipped them to Chungking and other points in the interior during the early days of the Japanese invasion. In the face of the possible Communist takeover they are unable and unwilling to pull out of Shanghai and are confident that if their factory guard plans can be worked out they stand a better than even chance of coming through unscathed.

The worker-guard plan is thought to be a direct outgrowth of measures adopted in transporting rice and flour during the period of critical food shortage. In early November, at that time, many firms purchased rice for their staffs, and staff members willingly rode the trucks to prevent hijacking by roving groups of hungry citizens. These staff-guards were provided with credentials bearing the firms' chop and certifying that the foodstuffs were being purchased for staff consumption and not for blackmarket resale. These measures were reported to have been highly successful.

The factory owners' plan would also include stockpiling of limited quantities of rice and other foodstuffs to carry their workers through the period of anticipated difficulty.—Associated Press.

## MORE INSURGENTS MOPPED UP

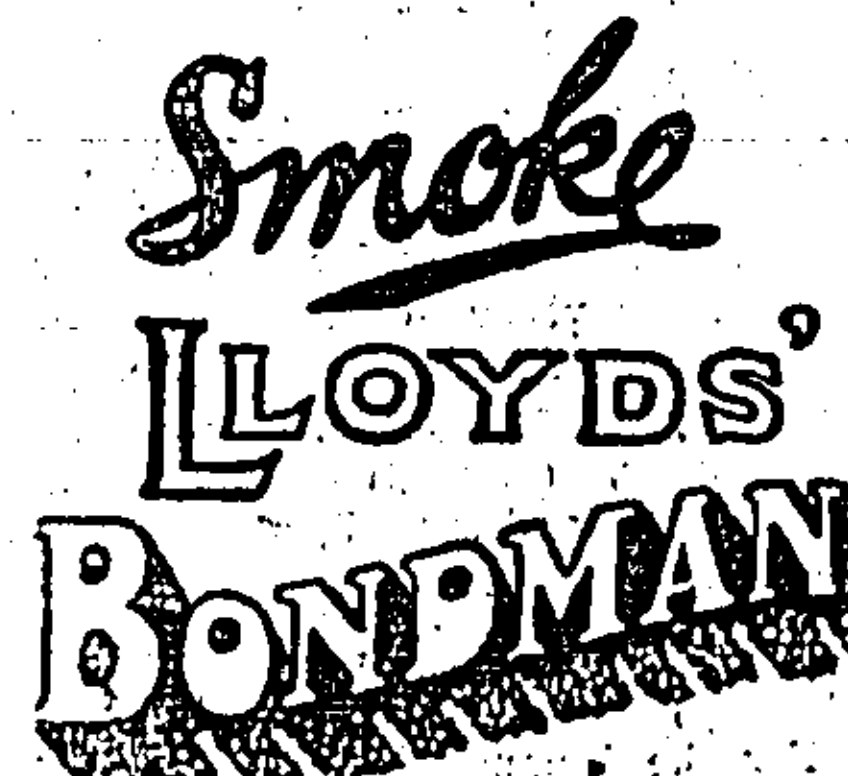
Rangoon, Dec. 15.—Government troops today killed 20 insurgents in mopping-up operations in the Pegu District, 40 miles north of Rangoon, tonight's military communiqué stated.

Seven rebels were killed and several others injured when Government forces dispersed a last-minute band in a valley in the Pegu Division, the communiqué stated.—Reuter.

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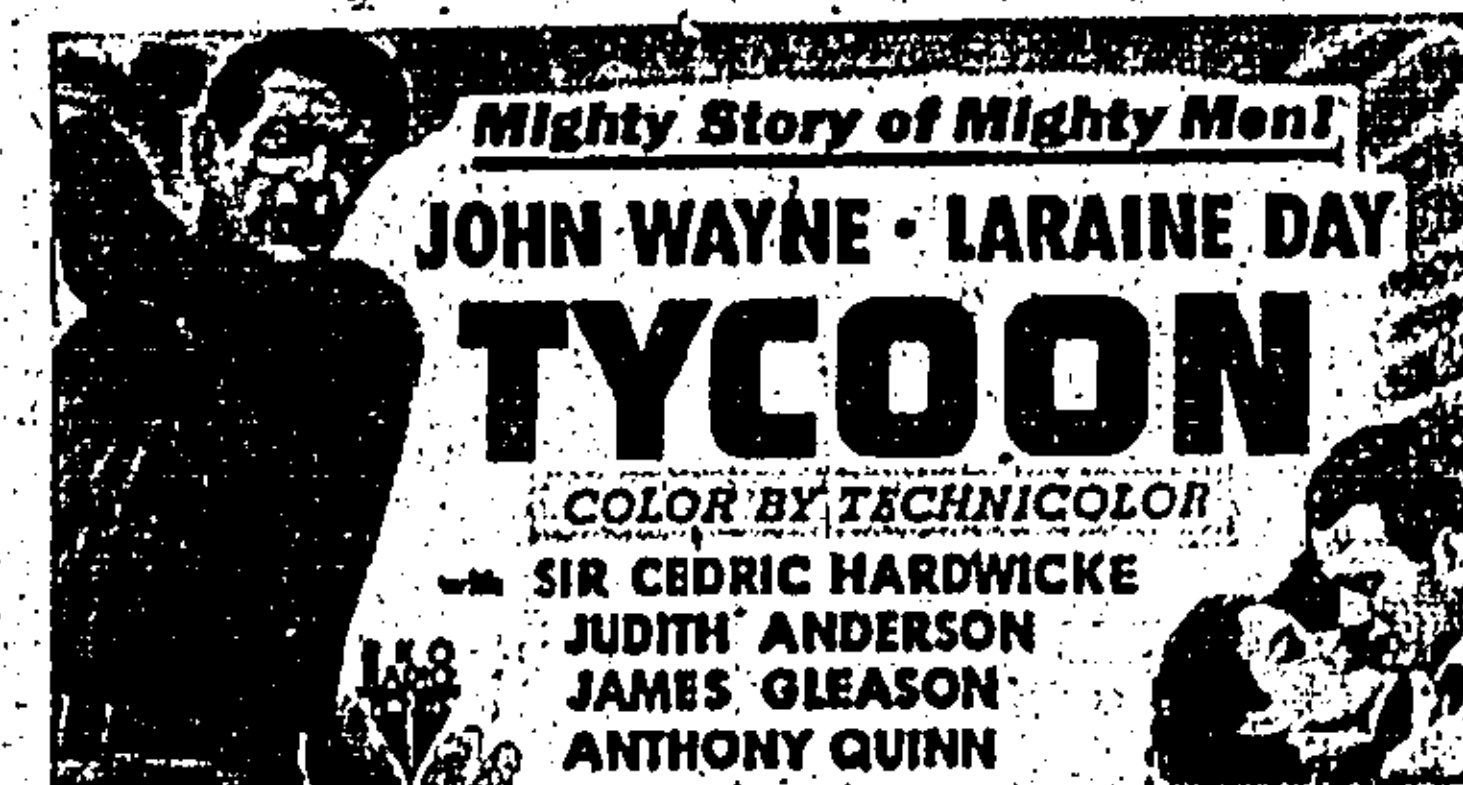
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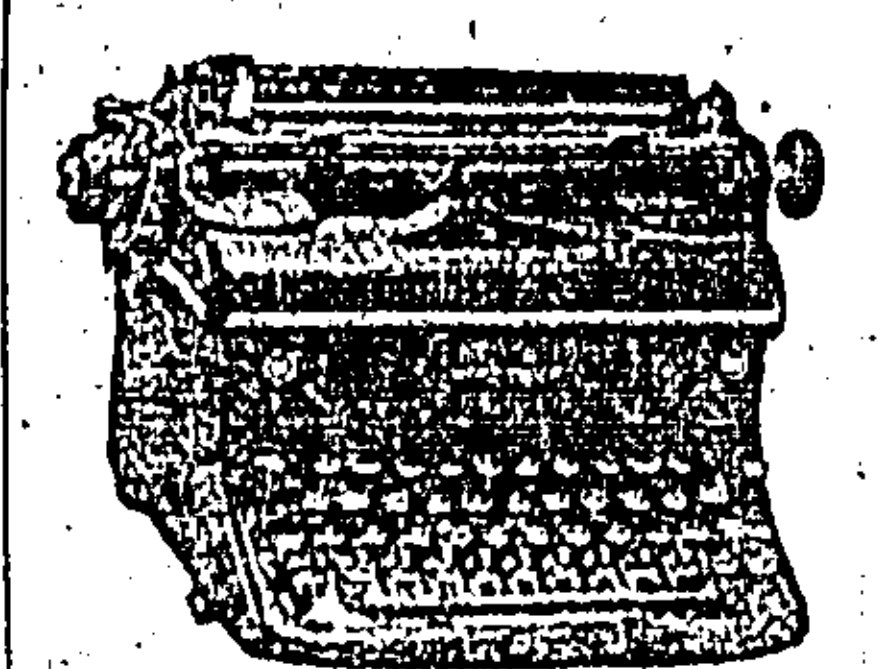
London, Dec. 15.—The British Government was asked in the House of Commons today why priority for the T-1 test jet propelled fighters was given to India over other Commonwealth countries and the countries of Western Europe.

The Minister of Defence, Mr Albert Alexander, replied that the Indian Government had recently bought three Vampire aircraft for trial purposes.

These aircraft had not been supplied at the expense of the requirements of other members of the Commonwealth or of Western European nations.—Reuter.

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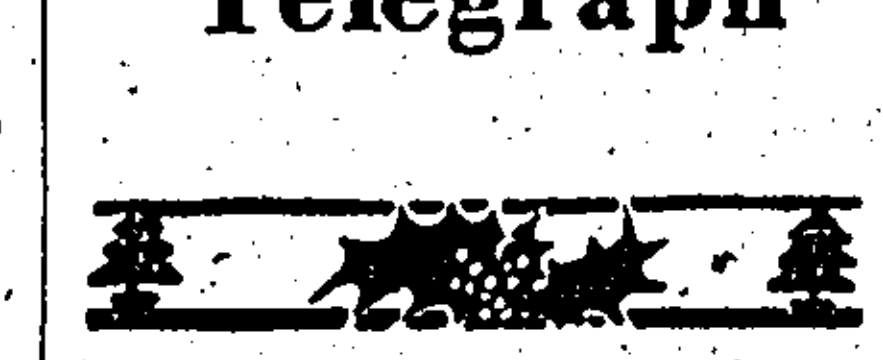


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